



2014 GED® CHANGES IN MAERS

January 2014

Beginning January 1, 2014, the GED® Testing Service changed from the 2002 paper pencil test to the 2014 computer-based test. Since this is in the middle of the program year, MAERS will need to collect data for both the 2014 and the 2002 tests through October 25, 2014. The 2014 test has 4 subtests (or modules) instead of 5 subtests.

A participant can fall into one of 3 GED® Test Type categories.

- 1) 5 GED® Module – Participants will only have the 5 GED® Test Type selected when:
 - A participant has a program exit date that is prior to January 1, 2014
- 2) 5 GED® Module or 4 GED® Module – A selection of either GED® Test Type is available when:
 - A participant has a registration date prior to July 1, 2014 and a program exit date on or after January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014
- 3) 4 GED® Module – Participants will only have the 4 GED® Test Type selected when:
 - A participant has a registration date that is on or after July 1, 2014 **OR**
 - A participant has a registration date prior to July 1, 2014 and they are still active after July 1, 2014

GOOD NEWS! Minimal changes have been made to MAERS to capture the appropriate GED® tests. These changes can be found in the following screens and are described on the following pages:

- Registration screen - Credits/Tests tab
- Program Exit screen - Achievements tab
- Follow Up screen - General tab

New business rules have been added to MAERS which will improve the accuracy and ease of data entry. The business rules are linked to the participant's registration date, program exit date and highest educational level. If these data items do not align with the GED® test type data entered, MAERS will provide the appropriate confirmable message and make the needed correction for you!

REGISTRATION SCREEN CHANGES

Update MAERS Registration

| Registration ID | Participant Name | Local Stud. No | Status | Record Provider |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11940656 | JULIE JVES | BLC-R00010 | Active as of 07/01/2012 | AURA LEARNING (Code: T0002) |

Personal
Demographic
Entry Status
Instr. Areas
Credits/Tests
Goals
Funding
Other

High School Diploma Credits

| # of Transferrable Credits Previously Earned | # of Credits Required for Completion | % of Completion |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | | |

GED Tests

| OSSID | # of Actual GED Tests Previously Passed | GED Test Type |
|-------|---|---|
| | 2 | <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">4 GED Test</div> <div style="background-color: #4a7ebb; color: white; padding: 2px;">5 GED Test</div> </div> |

| Registered By | Registration Provider |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PROVIDER ADMIN (ADMINP) | AURA LEARNING (Code: T0002) |

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Update and Enter Assessment
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1. On the Registration screen, only the Credits/Tests tab will reflect changes
2. The participant's Status, Registration Date, and Exit Date will determine the GED® Test Type dropdown selection. If the Highest Educational Level on the Entry Status tab is set to GED®, HSD, or College Degree, the GED® Tests table will not be a required data item.
3. Select the appropriate GED® Test Type for the participant. A participant can fall into one of 3 GED® Test Type categories.
 - 5 GED® Module – Participants will only have the 5 GED® Test Type selected when:
 - A participant has a program exit date that is prior to January 1, 2014
 - 5 GED® Module or 4 GED® Module – A selection of either GED® Test Type is available when:
 - A participant has a registration date prior to July 1, 2014 and a program exit date on or after January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014
 - 4 GED® Module – Participants will only have the 4 GED® Test Type selected when:
 - A participant has a registration date that is on or after July 1, 2014 or
 - A participant has a registration date prior to July 1, 2014 and they are still active after October 25, 2014

Note: The non-required data entry field of # of Practice Tests Previously Passed has been removed from both the Registration and Program Exit screens

PROGRAM EXIT SCREEN CHANGES

Update Program Exit

| Registration ID | Participant Name | Local Stud. No | Status | Record Provider |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11940656 | JULIE JIVES | BLC-R00010 | Active as of 07/01/2012 | AURA LEARNING (Code: T0002) |

Outcomes
Achievements
Status at Exit

High School Diploma (Required Credits specified at Entry = 20)

| Total Credits Earned at Program Entry | Total Credits Earned At Program Completion |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> |
| % of Achievement: | % of Achievement: |

GED Test Type: 5 GED Test

| At Program Entry | | At Program Exit | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| # of Actual GED Tests Passed: | 2 | # of Actual GED Tests Passed: | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="5"/> |
| % of Achievement: | 40% | % of Achievement: | 100% |
| OSSID | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> | | |

| Registered By | Provider | Program Exit Changed Date |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| PROVIDER ADMIN (ADMINP) | AURA LEARNING (Code: T0002) | 12/11/2013 |

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1. On the Program Exit screen, only the Achievements tab will reflect changes
2. The GED® Test Type of 4 or 5 selected in the Registration screen will display in the header on the GED® table
3. % of Achievement will be calculated on the GED® Test Type selected

Example of the 4 GED® Test Type

| GED Test Type: 4 GED Test | | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| At Program Entry | | At Program Exit | |
| # of Actual GED Tests Passed: | 2 | # of Actual GED Tests Passed: | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="4"/> |
| % of Achievement: | 50% | % of Achievement: | 100% |
| OSSID | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/> | | |

FOLLOW UP SCREEN CHANGES

Enter/Update Follow Up

| Registration ID | Participant Name | Local Stud. No | Status | Record Provider |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11940656 | JULIE JIVES | BLC-R00010 | Exited on 01/21/2014 | AURA LEARNING (Code: T0002) |

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General Obtain Employment Obtain GED

2

General Data

Participant took all 5 GED tests?:

Did the Participant stop attending classes for any reason?:

If yes, why did the Participant stop attending?:

Warning: System accepts up to 400 characters only (about 5 sentences)

Has the Participant re-enrolled in adult education classes?: ☐

If yes, what is the name of the school?:

Suggestions and Status

Did the Participant have any suggestions for improvement?:

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Overall Status: In Progress ... 0 of 2 total NRS Cohorts have been followed up

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1. On the Follow Up screen, only the General tab will reflect changes
2. The GED® Test Type of 4 or 5 selected in the Registration screen will display in the required GED® question

WHAT HAPPENS IF I SELECT AN INCORRECT GED® TEST TYPE?

Business rules have been set up in MAERS which will provide the following confirmable alerts if the GED® Test Type selected does not align with the Registration Date, Program Exit Date, or Highest Educational Level. See the below examples. If you agree with the message received, simply click the Confirm button and the corrections will be completed automatically. If you do not agree with the message, you will want to research further and check your data entry.

The GED® Test Type 4 was selected. However the participant is exiting before January 1, 2014. After attempting to enter the exit date, the following confirmable message will be received.

- [Tab 2] - The exit date is prior to the effective start of the "4 GED Test" type selected in the participant's registration on the Credits/Tests tab of the Registration screen (Effective Start Date = January 01, 2014). If you confirm, the application will automatically reset the test type and make it "5 GED Test".

The participant was set up as a 5 GED® Test Type, exited after January 1, 2014, and it was indicated they passed all 5 tests. It was found after the data entry was completed that the participant actually was a 4 GED® Test Type and passed all 4 tests. When changing the Registration screen; Credits/Tests tab to a 4 GED® Test Type, the following confirmable message will be received.

- [Tab 5] - Based on your selection for GED Test Type, the maximum # of Actual GED Tests Passed at Exit cannot be more than 4. The application will automatically change the # of Actual GED Tests Passed at Exit from 5 to 4 upon confirming this transaction.

The participant did not have proof of their secondary credential when they registered. Grades 9-12 were selected as the Highest Educational Level. In this example, a 4 GED® Test Type was selected. The participant later provides proof of their HSD. The Highest Educational Level is then changed to High School Diploma. After attempting to update the registration screen, the following confirmable message will be received.

- [Tab 5] - A change to the "Highest Educational Level or Degree Attained" field would result in a registration for which gathering GED Test information such as "GED Test Type", "# of Actual GED Tests Previously Passed at Program Entry", and/or "# of Actual GED Tests Passed at Program Exit" would no longer be required. The application will blank all three of these fields if you confirm the transaction.

Read all messages carefully and make changes as needed.